



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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AMENDED
FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1156

~~absence of state elected officials~~
(NOW: state elected officials; absence; protection)

Purpose

Requires the Secretary of State, the Attorney General or the State Treasurer to be absent during an inauguration, state of the state address or other event where the Governor and members of the state's Executive Department are present.

Background

Pursuant to Article 5, Section 1 of the Arizona Constitution, the Executive Department of the state of Arizona consists of the Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Current law requires the Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety (Director) to provide transportation, security and protection for the Governor and security and protection for the Governor's family to the extent and in the manner the Director and the Governor deem appropriate and adequate (A.R.S. § 41-1755).

According to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the Arizona Department of Public Safety (Department) estimates costs of \$1,000 for each gubernatorial event that would require the agency to provide protection for excused elected officials, including officer pay and transportation costs.

Provisions

1. Requires either the Secretary of State, the Attorney General or the State Treasurer, on a rotating basis, to be excused and absent from the vicinity of the seat of government during any of the following:
 - a) the inauguration of state elected officials;
 - b) the annual Governor's State of the State Address; or
 - c) any other state address by the Governor or gubernatorial event where members of the Executive Department participate or are in attendance.
2. Requires a protective detail established by the Department to transport the excused elected official to a safe and secure location that is at least 20 miles away from the seat of government at least three hours prior to any event listed above.

3. Requires the excused elected official to remain at the safe and secure location for the duration of the event.
4. Specifies that if the excused elected official is unable to attend the event, the next elected official in the rotation shall be transported by the protective detail to a safe and secure location and shall remain at the safe and secure location for the duration of the event.
5. Specifies that the protective detail shall cease once the event is concluded and the excused elected official is returned to the seat of government from the safe and secure location.
6. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

- Adopted the strike everything amendment.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

1. Changes the distance for the safe and secure location that an excused elected official must be transported to by a Department protective detail from at least 25 miles away from the seat of government to at least 20 miles away from the seat of government.
2. Specifies what the protective detail must do if the excused elected official designated to be absent is not be able to attend the event.
3. Removes language pertaining to Department security and protection currently provided to the Governor and the Governor's family being extended to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General and the State Treasurer.

Senate Action

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